

# Clean it up!

Friendly instructions on how to keep your products clean.

With regular care and maintenance, your Altus products will provide years of superior performance and satisfaction. To maintain the finish quality of your Altus product, please follow the cleaning procedures provided below.

These instructions are provided as a service. No warranty is implied since results may vary.

## Paints and Plastics

For painted metals and plastics - ordinary dirt, smudges and water soluble stains can be removed with mild soap and water. If needed for difficult stains, use a hard surface, all-purpose cleaner such as Simple Green®. Some oil-borne stains may require the use of a solvent based cleaner, which should always be tested in a hidden location prior to general use.

## Worksurfaces - Laminates

For normal cleaning, wash the laminate with soft cloth and a solution of mild detergent and warm water. Rinse thoroughly and dry with a soft cloth.

For minor repair or burns or other stubborn marks, apply a nonabrasive liquid kitchen cleanser with a soft cloth soaked in warm water. Rub in the direction of the grain; use caution to avoid damaging the surface texture of gloss. If no grain direction is visible, rub with a light, circular motion.

Do not use powdered abrasives or other harsh cleansers like hypochlorite bleach, hydrogen peroxide, nitric or hydrochloric acids, or lye; they may deface the surface and change the finish color.

## Worksurfaces - Thermofoil

### Regular Care and Cleaning

Always use a cotton cloth or non-abrasive sponge.

Option 1: Wipe with a damp cloth or sponge with mild dish soap.

Option 2: Wipe with a damp cloth or sponge using a 50/50 mix of water and Simple Green®. (Simple Green works well on oily or tacky surfaces.)

### Cleaning of Stains (Infrequent Care)

Always use a cotton cloth or non-abrasive sponge.

Step 1: Using a damp cloth or sponge with a 50/50 mix of water and Simple Green, scrub lightly for 10 to 20 strokes. This should remove most stains. If stain persists, move on to Step 2 and if necessary, Step 3.

Step 2: Using a damp cloth or sponge with Simple Green® or if necessary Buckeye Workout®, lightly wipe for 10 - 20 strokes. Buckeye Workout is a commercial cleaner and readily available from a local distributor - call: 314.291.1900. Note: Buckeye Workout contains water & propylene glycol phenyl ether.

Step 3: Place a cloth or sponge damp with 70% Isopropyl Alcohol on top of the stain for 30 minutes. After 30 minutes, remove the cloth or sponge and wipe. This should remove makeup, ball-point ink, and other stubborn stains. If stain persists, repeat Step 3 until stain is removed.

### Cleaners to Avoid

- Any abrasive cleaner or solvent cleaner
- Most solvent based cleaners and harsh chemicals such as sink & toilet bowl cleaners
- Any cleaner in combination with a brush
- Cleaners containing ammonia
- Baking soda

If a harsh chemical is spilled on a thermofoil surface, wipe it up immediately. Then wash the surface with soapy water and rinse several times.

### Product Limitations

Thermofoil products are not intended for use as cutting surfaces; always use a cuttingboard. Do not place hot pans from a stove directly onto thermofoil surfaces. This product is not intended for use in exterior applications.

### Aluminum Bases

Dust regularly with a soft, clean cloth. Occasionally, it may be necessary to use a mild non-abrasive cleaner. To remove scuff marks and scratches using automotive polishing compounds, either liquid or paste. After polishing, apply a pre-softened automotive paste wax to restore original sheen.

When using any cleaning product always read and follow the manufacturer's directions carefully.

